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FORSYTH, MISSOURI.

Watered stock has caused forty-four New Jersey corporations to go under within the last nine months. Strange that they did not take the precaution to boil the water.

Sir Thomas Lipton has the satisfaction of knowing that if he failed to lift the America's cup he has at least saved his appendix. He couldn't afford to leave that on this side to keep company with Shamrock's binnacle.

Colombia will be remembered as the nation that blocked the construction of an isthmian canal because it wanted the earth as compensation for allowing the United States to spend \$200,000,000 on the work. Some folks don't know a good thing when they see it.

The Cuban loan of \$15,000,000 divided among 50,000 native soldiers gives an average of \$300 each. And, after all, the United States footed the bill for freeing the island. The \$15,000,000 is a complimentary distribution and is understood to be only a starter.

A scientist asserts that the light of a piece of radium will not last forever, but will wear itself out in the course of 50,000 years. That will answer average demands. Let posterity do something for itself. Maybe it will laugh at radium as ridiculously antiquated.

Several thousand Americans have emigrated this year to western Canada, but with immigrants coming in at the rate of ten thousand a week the outward movement will make little impression on the total population. The quality of the incomers, however, might be better.

Exports of farm machinery from the United States have increased from \$4,500,000 in 1883 to \$21,000,000 in the last fiscal year. France and Argentina are the largest customers, each taking \$5,000,000 worth annually. In improved agricultural appliances this country is without a competitor.

The bills of damages to be brought against Venezuela by the various powers are expected to foot up about \$44,000,000. As a bill of \$44,000,000 could not be paid by that country this year or next, or any year in the near future, the powers will have a pleasant time getting their money, if they insist on getting the whole of it. Castro's troubles are not yet ended.

The total pieces of mail matter opened by the dead-letter office during the last fiscal year were 8,216,407. In 50,849 money was found in various amounts, and the total receipts for the year were \$48,498. The number containing checks, drafts, notes, wills, mortgages, etc., without address or wrongly addressed, was 59,874, and the face value of the inclosures was \$1,259,926.

The department of agriculture is making experiments with many new vegetables which are expected to prove useful in this country, if the people can be persuaded to grow them. Its explorers are fetching them from various parts of the world, especially from Mexico, which is known to possess many food plants that would be of much value if introduced into the United States.

The country will be glad to learn that the recent reports of damage to crops were exaggerated. Wheat, of course, was gathered throughout most of its territory before the frosts came. In a considerable part of the corn belt that cereal was so far advanced at the time that the frost did it comparatively little injury. The prospect still is that the corn yield will go above the 2,000,000,000-bushel figure.

In the matter of education of the black man, the south has shown a good deal of fairness all along. In all the states the negroes are allowed to have a share in proportion to their numbers in the education funds, although they directly contribute only a small part of this money. This is to the interest of the south, for every sane person knows that education in the case of the black man has diminished shiftlessness and crime. It is better to spend money for schools than for prisons.

Somebody has been deluding a good many innocent people by the tale that silver dollars coined in 1894 are at a high premium, and will, if sent to the proper officials, be exchanged for railway tickets to St. Louis and admission to the World's fair. The story, of course, is a hoax. There is no premium on the silver dollar of 1895. Neither the World's fair people nor anybody else is offering tickets to St. Louis in exchange for a silver dollar of 1894 or of any other year, unless the person is within the dollar-fare limit of distance from the city, and even then he would be compelled to pay his way into the fair grounds extra if he wanted to get in.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Information was received in Chicago, on the 29th, of the sudden death of Henry J. Willing, one of the pioneer merchants of that city, at Jefferson, N. H. Mr. Willing was at one time connected with the firm of Field, Leiter & Co., of Chicago.

George Matthey, an architect, widely known in his profession, died in Kansas City, Mo., on the 29th, from injuries received in a street car accident, aged 43 years. He was a native of Brunswick, Me. All the buildings of the Kansas City Southern between Siloam Springs, Ark., and Port Arthur, Tex., were erected under his direction.

W. P. Brown, of New Orleans, the leader of the September cotton corner, is said to have cleared, at the least calculation, between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000 on the September option alone.

Leopold Knebel, one of the wealthiest citizens of Bond county, Ill., was, on the 29th, fined \$1,000 by Judge Charles Moore in the circuit court at Greenville as the result of an investigation conducted by the board of review, Knebel having made false returns of his taxable property.

J. L. Napier and family have been compelled to leave Breathitt county, Ky., in order to escape assassination, having been warned by the Hargis faction, which has been persecuting Napier ever since the latter refused to kill Dr. Cox for a consideration.

Archbishop Kain, of St. Louis, who has been ill at the St. Agnes' sanitarium in Baltimore, Md., was reported, on the 29th, as being in a critical condition and grave doubts of his recovery were expressed.

On the 29th Miss Julia Dent Grant, daughter of U. S. Grant, met with serious injuries at San Diego, Cal., in a runaway accident.

H. Melville Hanna, a brother of Senator Hanna, of Ohio, has given \$100,000 to the Western Reserve university at Cleveland, O., the income of which is to be used for instruction and research in anatomy and kindred subjects.

Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador to the United States, died, on the 29th, at Davos-Platz, Switzerland, after a long and plucky fight against consumption, which terminated with tragic suddenness.

Official Washington learned with profound regret of the death of Sir Michael Herbert, British ambassador to the United States. The state department cabled Mr. Choate, the American ambassador at London, instructing him to convey to the British foreign office an appropriate expression of the Washington government's sympathy.

Harry H. Devereux, mayor of Springfield, Ill., has been indicted by the grand jury of Sangamon county, on five counts charging malfeasance in office in permitting the operation of gambling houses, slot machines in saloons and other places, and poolrooms.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the 29th the dead body of Tom Madison, the slayer of the Smith county (Kansas) family of three women, was found in a field near Cowles, Neb. He had been shot by himself, and had apparently been dead a number of days.

Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, on the 29th, informed the department of justice that the Creek Indians had been selling allotted lands without the approval of the secretary, which was against the law and the treaty. The attorney-general advised that the deeds were void and would not put them on record.

The total net revenues of the United States for the last fiscal year were \$560,390,674, an increase of \$38,988,429 over the year preceding, and the total expenditures \$506,059,007, an increase of \$35,782,034. The surplus was \$54,297,667, as compared with \$91,287,375 in 1902.

In all the states which comprised the Southern Confederacy the governors are assisting the government in its attempt to collect a complete record of the confederate troops, and persons have been designated to supervise the work in all these states, except Florida.

A tentative agreement was reached at Pekin, on the 30th, providing for the signing of the commercial treaty between China and the United States at Shanghai on October 8. Mr. Conger is sanguine that the matter will go through on the date mentioned.

The civil service commission has received a call from the Philippines government for 150 male teachers, and will hold examinations at various cities on October 19 and 20. The salaries range from \$900 to \$1,200 per annum.

On the 29th W. W. Armstrong, a Lake Erie & Western freight brakeman, whose home is in Lima, O., was killed in a freight wreck at Newby Crossing, two miles west of Elwood, Ind.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

The attempt of the militia to suppress the Victor (Col.) Record because of its sympathies with the striking miners, by arresting the entire staff, was frustrated by the pluck of Mrs. Emma T. Landson, the wife of a compositor who was arrested. She brought out the morning's issue on time on the 1st, although the office was surrounded by two troops of cavalry.

Formal announcement of another increase in coal prices was made on the 1st at Kansas City, Mo. The new prices were effective throughout the southwest. Arkansas semi-anthracite jumped 50 cents, to \$6.50 a ton, and bituminous coals to \$4.75, an increase of 25 cents. Pennsylvania anthracite was \$11 a ton. The dealers predicted further increases.

One biggest day in the history of the Illinois state fair was witnessed on the 1st, with 75,000 people on the grounds. Excursion trains came from the furthest limits of the state, and the city contained the largest crowd in its history. The weather was ideal.

Hunters in Alton, Ill., and vicinity refused to take out a hunting license because of the extra fee of 25 cents asked by the justice of the peace. The game laws call for a fee of \$1.10, for which a license should be secured, and the squire in Alton asked \$1.35.

The coal miners of Colorado Springs, Col., numbering about 200, at a mass meeting, on the 1st, voted to strike because of the refusal of the operators to grant an eight-hour day and 20 per cent increase in wages. Six coal mines are idle as a result.

President Roosevelt was deeply grieved to learn of the death of Sir Michael Herbert, British ambassador to the United States, for whom he had a warm feeling of personal regard. He sent a message of condolence on the 1st to Lady Herbert.

Daniel H. Ogden, a prominent business man of Ogden, Utah, was shot and instantly killed while duck hunting, on the 1st, 14 miles west of Ogden. The wound was inflicted by a stray shot, the one firing it being unknown.

The three Van Wormer brothers were electrocuted at the Dannemora (N. Y.) state prison on the 1st for the murder of their uncle, Peter A. Halleback, on December 24, 1901.

Archbishop Kain, who has been ill in Baltimore, Md., showed marked improvement on the 1st, and his remarkable vitality was a wonder to his physicians.

A good deal of pressure was brought to bear on President Roosevelt, on the 2d, to induce him not to call congress into extraordinary session in November, but to all callers who spoke to him in that vein he said that this government was committed to the proposition that the Cuban reciprocity treaty be made effective at the earliest possible date, and he regarded it as a matter of good faith that this country should keep its word.

Citizens of Asheville, N. C., held a mass meeting on the 2d to raise funds for the erection of a monument to mark the graves of "Bill Nye" and his daughter in Calvary cemetery, three miles south of Asheville. The failure of two banks cost Mrs. Nye, the widow, the \$50,000 left by the humorist, and all she had left was the money derived from the sale of "Buck Shoals," the home of the humorist, near Asheville.

The American Window Glass Co., the American Oil and Glass Co., and the National C. Co., of Marion, Ind., on the 2d, closed a deal with Pittsburg Investors, headed by Senator William Finn, for leases on about 40,000 acres of oil and gas lands in five counties in the Indiana oil fields. The capital of the corporation was given at \$2,000,000 cash.

Important changes occurred, on the 2d, in the official roster of the Illinois Central railroad. C. L. Ewing became superintendent of the system, with headquarters in Carbondale, Ill., and W. S. King became assistant general superintendent of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley, a part of the system, with headquarters at Memphis, Tenn.

Heavy rains, on the 2d, swelled the rivers and small streams in central and northern Texas. The Bosque river rose 15 feet and was out of its banks, flooding farm land in a valley ten miles wide. Several people were reported drowned. Crops were badly damaged, and in some sections cotton was totally ruined.

Gov. Dockery of Missouri, on the 2d, offered a reward of \$200 each for the arrest and conviction of Nelson Johnson, Tom Johnson and Lon Moore, charged with the murder of Elvy Williams, in Pemiscott county, on September 17. The reward stands good for one year from date.

Word from Balmoral, received on the 2d, stated that King Edward's health was again excellent and that his majesty contemplated a long-distance motor run from Balmoral to London.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Arrested on Serious Charge.

M. S. Glenn, charged with using the mails to defraud, was arrested at Mountain Grove by Deputy United States Marshal W. H. Thomas and taken before United States Commissioner Pepperdine, of Springfield, to answer to the charge. It is claimed that two years ago, while Glenn was manager of the Missouri Blank Co., at Mountain Grove, he sent circulars to job printers in various parts of the state, claiming that he had bought No. 1 envelopes in carload lots at very low prices and would sell them in lots of 1,000 or more for 50 cents per 1,000, cash. As this was less than half the regular price, Glenn was soon covered up with cash orders. That would be the last until the parties who had sent in orders would get tired waiting and begin writing him, then he would write them offering various explanations for the delay in the arrival of the goods. This he kept up until the parties got out of patience and began sending in accounts for collection.

Asks \$50,000 Damages.

Lawrence M. Jones, of the Jones department store, Kansas City, has brought suit in the circuit court against David Lanznar, of St. Louis, for \$50,000, alleging slander. The suit is the outcome of a mercantile transaction, and it is contended by Jones that Lanznar spoke about him in a malicious and slanderous way. The suit is in five counts, \$10,000 being demanded on each count. Mr. Jones states that on October 1, 1901, Lanznar spoke these words about him: "Mr. L. M. Jones cheated me out of my stock of furniture and stoves. He misrepresented the value of his real estate and induced me to trade my stock for much less than it is worth." The second cause is alleged to have taken place on December 6, 1901. The foundations for the other three causes of action are said to have taken place in St. Louis. On each of the five counts \$5,000 actual damages is demanded and \$5,000 punitive damages.

Safe Crackers at Work.

Burglars held high carnival at Pilot Grove. They visited four places and cracked two safes, but obtained only \$30 for their work. Neither of the explosions attracted any attention, and the thieves departed without leaving any clue. They broke into Zehring's blacksmith shop and procured the tools with which to drill a safe. They then stole powder and fuse from Schill & Becker's hardware store with which to do the work. The safes at the M. K. & T. depot and Beyer Bros' drug store were blown.

Attempted Horrible Crime.

The home of Mrs. S. E. Fairfield, a widow, was entered by two burglars at Linneus, and she was forced to surrender \$50. After pouring kerosene on the bedding, she and her little granddaughter were locked in the house, which was fired by the miscreants. Mrs. Fairfield and the child were able to escape, and she says that she can identify one of the men. Three arrests were made.

Bids for Post Office.

Says a dispatch from Washington, D. C.: "Bids for the construction of the new post office at Kansas City have been advertised by the office of the supervising architect. The sum of \$400,000 is available for the new building, \$140,000 of which was appropriated by the last congress, the difference being secured through the sale of the old Kansas City post office. Bids will close on November 5."

Trio Arrested.

Three strange men entered a saloon in St. Joseph, ordered drinks and tendered postage stamps in payment. One of the two tried to cash a batch of the 2 and 1 cent denominations. A few hours later detectives rounded up the same men on the charge of robbing the post office at Morrill, Kan.

Clever Burglar Caught.

George Wilson, one of the cleverest house burglars the police have any record of confessed to numerous robberies in the criminal court at St. Joseph, and received a sentence of three years in prison. He is 35 years old and was raised in St. Louis.

Politician Drops Dead.

William Hamilton, representative of Daviess county in the Fortieth and Forty-first assemblies of Missouri and a leading attorney and democratic politician, dropped dead in front of his office in Gallatin. Heart failure is said to have caused his death.

Granted Sick Pardon.

At the recommendation of the board of prison inspectors, and upon the request of the prison physician, Gov. Dockery granted a sick pardon to John Sanderson, sent up from Platte county in 1902 to serve three years.

James E. McHenry.

James E. McHenry, aged about 70 years, a pioneer citizen, died suddenly at Jefferson City. Mr. McHenry for several years was state register of lands and was at one time editor of the Jefferson City Tribune.

Bond Issue Carried.

In the special election at Kansas City, the proposition to issue bonds, amounting to \$2,175,000, for public improvements, carried by a big majority.

MAIL POUCH ROBBER CAUGHT IN DENVER

To Be Surrendered to St. Louis Authorities and Tried for Swindling.

A MAN OF MANY ALIASES

Is Accused of Stealing a Mail Pouch Containing \$500,000 Worth of Negotiable Bank Paper and with Swindling and Forgery.

New York, Oct. 3.—Word was received here Friday night that F. H. Crosby, alias A. E. Bell, alias Hammond, alias Crawford, had been arrested at Denver, accused of stealing a mail pouch containing \$500,000 worth of negotiable bank paper at Philadelphia on the night of September 8, and with several other crimes, including swindling and forgery. It is alleged that Crosby arrived in this country from Crawe, England, last summer and went to Asbury Park, where he posed as a fruit speculator. His wife mingled in good society there and introduced her husband to prominent business men and at the banks there, where he made deposits, declaring to the officials that he intended continuing his account for the summer months.

On September 10 he deposited a number of checks, payable to his order, drawn on different Philadelphia firms. Two days later he closed the accounts, withdrawing the amounts due him. He and his wife then left Asbury Park.

Asbury Park Banks Heavy Losers. About this time, it is said, W. W. Dickson, chief post office inspector of Philadelphia, discovered the theft of a mail pouch containing bank remittances from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, the entire amounts being estimated at \$500,000.

It is alleged that during the last ten days complaints were received at Asbury Park banks that checks accepted by them had been tampered with; that the name of the payees had been erased and Crosby's name inserted, and that small amounts had been raised to larger ones.

Wanted in St. Louis.

It was recalled that a mail pouch had been stolen at Springfield Junction, Ill., last April, and that an A. E. Hammond had opened a cash account at the Lincoln Trust Co., St. Louis, depositing a number of checks from the stolen mail pouch. It was suspected that the mail pouch robbery was committed by A. E. Bell, alias Crawford, whose photograph was identified by the officials of the St. Louis bank.

Investigation at Asbury Park developed that Crosby was none other than A. E. Hammond, alias Bell, alias Crawford, etc. Post Office Inspector Jacobs traced him to Denver, where he was taken into custody last night.

Crosby is suspected of committing numerous post office robberies in New York, Buffalo and other cities. He is said to have made a big haul in Buffalo some time ago, when he disguised himself as a railway porter and got off with a pouch.

In 1894, Crosby is said to have been arrested here, while trying to cash a \$1,200 check with a Maiden Lane jeweler, and to have been sent to Elmira reformatory, from which he was released in 1897.

Through an agreement with the post office, Crosby will be surrendered to the St. Louis authorities to stand trial on a charge of swindling.

Served Time in Jefferson City.

Crosby is said to have been arrested in this city in the company of "Kid" Foster, a Peoria (Ill.) pickpocket, while they were attempting to cash a draft for \$425 with Marcus & Co., the Broadway jewelers. It was afterwards learned that the draft offered by Crosby had been stolen from a mail pouch in the New York Central depot at Buffalo. For this crime he was sentenced to five years in Auburn prison, Foster getting off with three years. Crosby also served a three-year term in the Jefferson City (Mo.) penitentiary for a similar offense.

The woman who passed as Mrs. Crosby is said to be a western woman, and has shown considerable skill in obtaining introductions at banks. Crosby hails from Kansas City.

BARRINGTON INDICTED.

Must Stand Trial For Killing His Friend, James P. McCann, in St. Louis County.

Clayton, Mo., Oct. 3.—Frederick Seymour Barrington was, Friday, indicted by the St. Louis county grand jury on a charge of murder in the first degree. Barrington is charged with murdering James P. McCann, at Bonfils, on the night of June 18, 1903. The indictment charges that he shot McCann, robbed him and then threw his body into a pond.

Barrington will be arraigned shortly and a date set for his trial in the circuit court. It is probable that a change of venue will be applied for, according to Beno Altheimer, the defendant's attorney.